

CLAIMS

I Claim:

1. An implement for clearing brush and trees, comprising:
 - 2 a self-propelled vehicle;
 - 3 at least one boom mounted upon the vehicle; said boom being constructed for articulated motion of a distal end thereof;
 - 4 a cutting disk operatively mounted for rotation to the distal end of said boom to cut brush and trees when rotated; and
 - 5 a secondary power source supported on the self-propelled vehicle and used to primarily power the cutting disk.
2. An implement according to claim 1 and further comprising:
 - 3 a plurality of detachable cutting disk teeth mounted upon an inner face of the cutting disk; upon an outer face of the cutting disk; and peripherally about peripheral portions of the cutting disk.
3. An implement according to claim 1 wherein the secondary power source comprises a secondary engine operatively connected primarily to the cutting disk for rotation thereof.

4. An implement according to claim 1 and further comprising: 1
a cutting head pivotally mounted to the distal end of said boom; said 2
cutting head supporting the cutting disk for rotation relative the distal end of the 3
boom; and said cutting head providing selective pivot action of the cutting disk 4
about a pivot axis oriented generally vertically relative the self-propelled vehicle. 5

5. An implement according to claim 4 and further comprising: 1
a cutting head swivel operatively connected to the cutting head; said 2
cutting head swivel providing selective swivel action of the cutting disk about a 3
swivel axis which is generally traverse to the pivot axis of the cutting head. 4

6. An implement for clearing brush and trees, comprising: 1
a cutting head frame; 2
a motor mounted to the cutting head frame; 3
a drive shaft operatively coupled to the motor for rotation; said drive 4
shaft constructed to be selectively uncoupled from the motor; 5
a bearing mechanism removably secured to the cutting head frame and 6
supporting the drive shaft for the rotation; 7
a cutting disk mounted on the drive shaft for rotation therewith; and 8
wherein the bearing mechanism can be detached from the cutting head 9
to facilitate replacement of the bearing mechanism and drive shaft. 10

7. An implement according to claim 6 wherein the bearing
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mechanism and drive shaft are constructed to be detached from the cutting head as
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a unit. 3

8. An implement according to claim 6 and further comprising:
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a first jaw formed in a portion of the cutting head frame; and
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a second jaw pivotally mounted to said cutting head frame for selective
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pivotal movement relative to said first jaw to allow controlled grasping action
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between said first jaw and said second jaw. 5

9. An implement according to claim 8 and further comprising:
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a hydraulic cylinder having a first end pivotally connected to the cutting
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head frame; and
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a piston slidably extending from an opposite second end of the hydraulic
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cylinder; said piston having a distal end pivotally connected to the second jaw
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wherein actuation of the hydraulic cylinder drives the piston to provide the pivotal
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movement of the second jaw relative to the first jaw. 7

10. An implement according to claim 6 wherein the bearing
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mechanism comprises a first portion, and a second portion extending longitudinally
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from the first portion; said first portion is removably secured to the cutting head
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frame by a first set of securement members and said second portion is removably
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secured to the cutting head frame by a second set of securement members; and
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wherein removing said first and second sets of securement members releases the
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drive shaft and bearing mechanism from the cutting head frame as a unit.
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11. An implement according to claim 10 wherein said first set of
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securement members are accessible from outside the cutting head frame; and
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wherein said second set of securement members are housed within a portion of the
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cutting head frame and accessible from an opening in the cutting head frame.
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12. An implement for clearing brush and trees, comprising:
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a self-propelled vehicle;
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at least one boom mounted upon the vehicle; said one boom being
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constructed for articulated motion of a distal end thereof;
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a cutting head frame mounted to the distal end of the boom;
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a motor mounted to the cutting head frame;
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a drive shaft operatively coupled to the motor for rotation; said drive
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shaft constructed to be selectively uncoupled from the motor;
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a bearing mechanism removably secured to the cutting head frame and
10 supporting the drive shaft for the rotation; the bearing mechanism constructed to
11 be detached from the cutting head to facilitate replacement of the bearing
12 mechanism and drive shaft;
13 a cutting disk mounted on the drive shaft for cutting brush and trees
14 when rotated; and
15 a secondary power source on the self-propelled vehicle used to primarily
16 power the cutting disk.

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13. An implement according to claim 12 and further comprising:
2 a shroud connected to the cutting head frame and extending about
3 portions of the cutting disk.

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14. An implement according to claim 12 and further comprising:
2 a turret mounted for pivotal motion upon the self-propelled vehicle about
3 a generally vertical pivot axis relative a support for the self-propelled vehicle; and
4 wherein said boom is pivotally mounted on said turret for the articulated motion of
5 the distal end.

15. An implement for clearing brush and trees, comprising:
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a vehicle;
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a primary engine supported and operatively coupled to the vehicle to
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move the vehicle across ground;
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a boom mounted upon the vehicle; said boom being constructed for
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articulated motion of a distal end thereof;
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a cutting disk mounted to the distal end of said boom for cutting brush
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and trees when rotated; and
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an auxiliary engine supported on the vehicle and providing power to
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rotate the cutting disk.
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16. An implement according to claim 16 wherein the auxiliary engine
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provides power only to the cutting disk.
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17. An implement according to claim 16 and further comprising:
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a cutting head frame pivotally mounted to the distal end of said boom
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and supporting the cutting disk for rotation; and said cutting head frame providing
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selective pivot action of the cutting disk about a pivot axis; and
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a cutting head swivel operatively connected to the cutting head frame;
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said cutting head swivel providing selective swivel action of the cutting disk about
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a swivel axis which is generally traverse to the pivot axis of the pivoting cutting
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head frame.
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18. An implement according to claim 18 wherein the auxiliary engine
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provides power to the cutting disk and to at least one of the following:
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said cutting head frame for the selective pivot action of the cutting disk
about the pivot axis; and
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said cutting head swivel for the selective swivel action of the cutting disk
about the swivel axis.
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